

## COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET ON FEB. 26 TO SET DATE FOR HOLD- ING THE ROAD BOND ELECTION

The county commissioners met in special session this week and transacted business of special interest. The bonds of the various county officials were approved and several petitions for roads were received. One of the most notable is that which will tend to straighten the road from Reuelto bridge to the table land on the south of Reuelto.

The matter of calling a special election to vote on a \$200,000 bond issue was thoroughly discussed. A petition signed by 379 taxpayers, was received and carefully examined. Ten different precincts were represented on the petition. Others were received too late to be entered.

It was decided by the commissioners to postpone the calling of the election until some future date. It is understood they will meet again on Monday the 26th of February, at which time the date will be set and the proclamation issued to the voters of the county. May 5 is the probable date and the campaign will be short, but this is one proposition which the voters need little dictation in. Any boy who knows enough to drive a horse or team is well acquainted with the road situation in Quay county.

The only thing necessary to assure the carrying of the road bond issue is that the whole county or the largest majority of it will be benefited by supporting the measure. Tucumcari citizens, the property owners, who have a right to vote on this question, know it will greatly benefit every foot of property in Tucumcari although nearly all the funds will be spent outside this precinct. The merchants expect to make money out of this investment. No matter whether the merchant is located in Tucumcari, Logan, San Jon, Montoya, Kirk, or anywhere else in the county, all will receive a reward for the output of a few dollars on the roads. What helps the merchants must help the farmers as it is their teams that travel these roads and the better the road the more they can pull. With a committee from all over the county, one man from each precinct, and the commissioners and road board signed up to do as these committees have agreed, there can be little left to kick about if you are for good roads.

A bond issue makes the rich pay for the roads. The poor man's taxes will not amount to much and the percent raise will hardly be noticed. In fact he can work his part out in a day and then have some money left. At present it looks fair to all. The road board and commissioners have done everything asked of them when the commissioners meet in Tucumcari Feb. 26 and set the date for holding the election.

### EZRA HAAS, AGED CITIZEN DIED EARLY THIS MORNING

Ezra Haas, who has been a resident of Tucumcari and vicinity for a number of years, died early Thursday morning at the family home in the northeast part of town.

Mr. Haas had always enjoyed the best of health until about four years ago when he suffered a stroke of paralysis. His strong vitality allowed him to recover from that stroke although it was most fatal for a time. Last May 28th, he was stricken the second time. He did not fully recover from this stroke but his physician was surprised that he even withstood it. He has been bed-fast most of the time since last May. The third stroke came two weeks ago and for a time it was thought he would recover from that, but on Wednesday the tide turned and he died at 2:50 Thursday morning.

Mr. Haas was 80 years, 9 months, and 15 days of age. He was born at Utica, Lincoln county, Ohio. He afterwards moved to Indiana where he resided for several years. He traded his old homestead for property south of Tucumcari and came here in 1909. In this trade it is said he was swindled out of much property and this caused him to worry considerably.

Two sons, Chas. and Joe, and his wife, together with many friends and relatives are left to mourn his death. The funeral will be conducted Sunday afternoon from the residence, and the remains will be interred at Sunny-side cemetery.

### SCOTT B. WILLIAMS, EDITOR AT CLOUDCROFT, SUICIDES

Scott B. Williams, editor of the "Weekly Cloudcroft," secretary of the Otero Democratic county central committee, U. S. Commissioner and a real estate dealer was found dead Monday night at his home in Cloudcroft. A pistol was found near the body and officers said he had committed suicide.

### MANY FROM TUCUMCARI WILL GO TO SANTA ROSA

The imposing and substantial new building of the Charles Hild Co., at Santa Rosa has been completed, and the company has already transferred a portion of its immense stock of goods carried at that point.

The erection of this new building is a wonderful asset for this immediate section and is evidence of our community's healthy growth and prosperity; and the Hild Co. is to be congratulated for its faith in the future development of Guadalupe county; also its enterprise and progressiveness.

Before filling the new building with its stock of goods, the company intends to have a formal opening on Saturday evening, February 17, 1917, commencing at 8:00 o'clock. All the friends and patrons of the company are cordially invited to be present. A number from Tucumcari contemplate going down Saturday afternoon in cars.

### WOMANS CLUB

On Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 7th, the Womens Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Edgar Jackson, on Third street. Almost a full representation of the membership was in attendance and enjoyed the delightful program. The most widely-loved poet of America was studied and discussed as one of the greatest contributors to American literature; Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the author of Evangeline, Courtship of Miles Standish, Hiawatha, etc. A sketch of the life of Longfellow was given by Mrs. Wahlberg.

The story of Evangeline was expertly told by Mrs. Boyer and The Courtship of Miles Standish was given in brief by Mrs. Bueler.

"The Famine" from Hiawatha, was read by Mrs. Robertson; and every one took part in the general discussions, thus making the profitable pleasure, of universal benefit to the club. The hostess refreshed the guests with delicious ice course and gave each one present the memory of a most happy social hour.

The club will meet with Mrs. Ray Z. Boyer on High St., Wednesday, Feb. 21, at which time the study will be based upon the life and writings of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

### PHYSICIANS HOSPITAL SOLD

The Physicians Hospital, which has been operated during the past year by Dr. A. D. Catterton, was sold to Dr. Hilton of Endee. Dr. Catterton retains his offices in the building, the same as before and is surgeon in chief to the hospital. He has the same privileges to accommodate and treat his patients as heretofore. Mrs. Hilton, a graduate nurse, who served six years in the St. Louis City Hospital, will have charge of the institution in connection with Miss McNaughton, who has had charge during the past year, hence its efficient management is assured.

### LAST CALL TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO TURN IN LISTS

The property owners of Tucumcari and Quay county are hereby notified that Feb. 28th is the last day to list your property without penalty of 25 per cent being added. The law is very plain on this matter and you have been given due notice by publication in every newspaper in the county. Don't blame me if the Commissioners add this penalty. I will be in my office most of the time now and will be glad to have you call and make out your lists. Remember, only few more days left to list your property, so you had better get busy. Do it NOW.

B. L. FRANCIS, Assessor.

### A TRIAL WILL PROVE IT.

Your old clothes are worth more to you than what you may think—when you have them cleaned and pressed right. They will wear longer, retaining their shape and we make them look like new by our sterilizing process. MODEL CLEANING WORKS. We deliver the goods. Phone 415

### CHILI, PIE AND COFFEE

The first division of the ladies' aid of the Christian church, will serve chili, pie and coffee at the Elk Drug Store Saturday morning and afternoon. Call and enjoy yourself.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newman are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy who arrived at their home in the southwest part of Tucumcari early this morning.

B. L. Francis and wife have a new boarder at their home in this city. Miss Francis keeps the new assessor busy when he chances to be home.

### "SHOWER" FOR MRS. ROSE TARPLEY ROUTH LAST WEEK

Mrs. H. E. Caldwell entertained last Saturday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Mrs. Rose Tarpley Routh. Those enjoying the afternoon were the members of Mrs. Caldwell's Sunday school class, of which Mrs. Routh is a member. The bride received a number of beautiful presents, and the afternoon was spent in a social way after which dainty refreshments were served. The favors were small heart-shaped books in which each girl wrote her favorite recipe, then presented them to the bride. The guests were:

Aleta Williams, Mae and Winnie Montgomery, Doris and Eleanor Jackson, Edna Clark, Winifred Davis, Esther Smith, Mary Smyers, Cynthia Elkins, Lillian Sayles, Georgia Ackerman, Helen Jones, Bessie Emler, Virgie Bullington, Dora Sinsay, Josephine Gentry, Valeria McDade, Helen Ernst, Vivian Steckman and Artie Fox.

### CUBAN REVOLT GROWING

Havana, Feb. 13.—Outwardly the revolutionary situation was virtually as it has been for the last three days, but there were many rumors of uprisings in Camaguey, where according to unconfirmed reports, Lieutenant Colonel Quinones commanding the troops in that province, has rebelled, together with his forces.

That the government is preparing to meet a more serious situation was demonstrated today by the issuance of an official decree signed by President Menocal, authorizing the enlistment of volunteers for service during a period of 90 days. Men between the ages of 18 and 45 are called for and neither citizenship nor lack of ability to read or write Spanish will act as a barrier to volunteers.

### BILLIARD-POOL HALLS IN CLOVIS ARE OUT-LAWED

Clovis, N. M., Feb. 12.—Upon the presentation to the city council of a number of complaints against the pool and billiard halls of the city, in which complaints it was charged that violations of the minor and gambling laws were permitted, the city council "shut down" in hurry-up fashion by passing an ordinance prohibiting pool and billiard halls within the city on and after June 1st of this year. Meantime the present halls are to close out and discontinue business.

### CHAS. H. KOHN'S PHOTO IS PLACED IN HIST. SOCIETY

A signal honor was last week bestowed upon Mrs. Albert Calisch by the Historical Society of New Mexico; of which, Quay county has also the right to feel complimented. The Society offered Mrs. Calisch the privilege of placing in its case, displaying pictures of historical, eminent and famous men, the photograph of her brother, the late Chas. H. Kohn, bearing the legend:

CHARLES H. KOHN  
Born at Las Vegas, June 5, 1872  
Died January 31st, 1916  
Pioneer of Quay County;  
Member of New Mexico  
Constitutional Convention.

### SIX O'CLOCK DINNER

Mrs. George Kegley entertained at six o'clock dinner Sunday evening in honor of Mrs. Mae McKenzie, Grand Pres. of Rebekah Lodge of New Mexico. The guests were:

Mesdames Wm. Nicol, M. E. Parish, C. S. Shaw, H. E. Caldwell, Miss Lee Gentry, Miss Maggie Jackson.

## SANTA ROSA WINS BASKET BALL GAME FROM LOCAL TEAM

Two games of basketball were played at the Opera House Saturday night. The first game was between the girls of the High School, the first team vs. the second. The game was good but Madge Campbell's basket tossing won for her side by a wide margin.

The main event of the evening was the boys game, when the local five were pitted against the fast team from Santa Rosa, who have undergone a strenuous period of training under the best coach in the state, Prof. Wiseman, formerly of Tucumcari, but now superintendent at Santa Rosa.

The local team had an off night and did not play in its usual form, the "pep" was not visible, perhaps from over-confidence or it may have been from undertraining, the latter being the most probable. The first half was fast and closely contested, with the boys from Santa Rosa playing at a disadvantage, having never played together on an inside court. The ball was in their possession about two-thirds of the time but they were unable to locate the basket. They were lightning fast and accurate at passing the ball to each other, but they could not hit the basket. Fausnacht did excellent work for Tucumcari and he was ably supported by Eifort at center and Jacobs at guard. Two of the star players on other occasions, Shaff and Cusack, were unable to get in the game, but Cusack was playing against perhaps the fastest guard that ever played here. The first half ended 11 to 10 in favor of Tucumcari.

The second half was not quite so fast as the first on account of the new recruits substituted in the Tucumcari side, they being young boys who had never participated in a matched game. Santa Rosa was still unable to locate the basket although the forwards had chance after chance, but the score at the end was in favor of the visitors, 21 to 19.

The opera house was filled with local enthusiasts who could hardly believe the home team was defeated as they had much confidence in the boys after they broke even with the big Amarillo boys, but it was a lesson that should be heeded. The boys are practicing hard for their next game which will be staged here next week when the fast Trinidad lads come here for a game. Our boys have plenty of ability but it takes the best they have in them to defeat another team that is trained nearly to perfection.

Of course the girls expect to win next week, but they will have the hardest game of the season when they go against these Colorado champions.

### WILL NOT HURRY THINGS

Every voter in Quay county, who is alive to the needs of the county, is desirous of having a system of good roads built in all parts of the county, but some of them are against voting additional tax upon themselves until they know where and by whom the money is to be spent. The county commissioners are taking their time in calling the bond election for the reason that they wish to be right before going into this proposition. Once they get going and the bonds are voted the company purchasing same will pay more than it would if the election had been hurriedly called.



"BIG" MASON

Big Mason, is the railroad Y. M. C. A. evangelist that is known as one of the best speakers following that line of work. He is big in every way and is making quite a hit in Santa Fe. He will arrive in this city the latter part of this week and will commence his services Sunday in the Center Street Methodist church. Don't fail to attend these services. There will be special music provided for all next week and it will be a union service in every particular. Tell your neighbors and friends.

### BEAR GRASS FACTORY WILL MATERIALIZE IN DUE TIME

Chas. T. Haas and those interested in the building of a bear grass factory in Tucumcari are busy preparing for same. They are not going into this proposition blindly, but are in correspondence with eastern concerns in regard to locating an eastern representative who will handle the finished product for them once they get started. A committee was appointed to look over Mr. Haas's process and this committee reported favorable, so it is only a matter of a few weeks before the necessary arrangements will be made to have the factory built and special machinery constructed according to the plans now being perfected by Mr. Haas.

### SUFFRAGE LEAGUE FORMED

Miss Mildred Watkins, lecturer for the National American Suffrage Association, held an interesting meeting at the Presbyterian church, Monday night of last week. Miss Watkins has been touring the United States, and has been, for the past six weeks, in New Mexico, where she has organized thirteen leagues, making fifteen in the State. Her talk was most interesting, and much enjoyed by all present. At the close, a Suffrage League was formed here, with the following officers: Chairman, Mrs. R. P. Donohoe; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. F. S. Hinds; Secretary, Mrs. A. D. Catterton; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna DeOliviera; Membership Mrs. E. J. C. Duvall; Literature, Mrs. N. W. Mosely.

From Tucumcari Miss Watkins went to Albuquerque, where two meetings were held. She is a very forcible speaker, and wins many friends by her charming personality.

## MEXICANS CROSS LINE AT CORNER RANCH TAK- ING 3 MORMONS BACK

Hachita, N. M., Feb. 13.—Corner ranch, owned by the Palomas Land & Cattle company, was raided today by a band of Mexicans under Prudencio Miranda and three Mormons—one of whom was Andrew Peterson, Jr.—were captured and taken away, according to a message received here by officials of the company.

The message which came from Alamo Hueco, 60 miles southwest of Hachita, stated that all the teams had been seized and that all of the Mexicans employed on the ranch had left the place with their clothing and effects.

Miranda, formerly a follower of Orozco, is one of Villa's leaders in Northern Chihuahua, operating with Ochoa and Tamez.

Jose Ynez Salazar, commanding the rebels in the region evacuated by General Pershing, is reported to be 65 miles south of the line from here.

A raid on the Nogales ranch, located 40 miles from the border in Mexico and 100 miles from Hachita, N. M., occurred on February 10, according to a message received last night. As far as it is known in southern New Mexico is located in an angle formed by the international boundary, which runs directly south from a point half way between Columbus and Hachita, then turn a right angles westward. The ranch is about 60 miles southwest of Columbus and an equal distance from Hachita. This angle in the border has been the scene of a number of border raids during the past five years. At Lone Cabin, between Columbus and the Corner ranch, Mexican crossed, fought a skirmish with American soldiers and fled back across the border. Raids have been made at Dog Springs and near Lang's ranch.

Military authorities reported at Columbus last night that armed couriers had been dispatched from Hachita to report on the raid on the Corner ranch. One of the Mormons carried off by the raiders was Andrew Peterson, Jr., according to a telegram received here tonight by a relative from Lem Spillsbury, recently a Mormon scout with General Pershing's expedition. Spillsbury, who was the only white man to be taken prisoner by the Carranza troops in the Carrizal engagement last June, is now living near the scene of the raid. He sent his telegram from Hachita. Peterson was engaged by Spillsbury several days ago to join two other Mormon cowboys in a search for stray cattle along the border. Their search brought them to the scene of the reported raid. Great fear is felt here that the captured Americans have been killed.

Deming, N. M., Feb. 13.—A. C. Peterson received word tonight that his son, Andrew, had been captured by Mexican raiders on the Corner ranch on the border south of Hachita, and carried into Mexico. The message said that two other Mormons and a number of Mexicans were carried away. Peterson has appealed to General Pershing for military aid in rescuing his son.

## SAILORS ARE HELD BY GERMANY. U. S. HAS MADE DUE PROTEST

Washington, Feb. 13.—An inquiry concerning the re-detention by Germany of the 72 American seamen brot in by the prize ship Yarrowdale, was dispatched to Berlin today by the United States, preliminary to more vigorous action if the men are not promptly released.

The plight of these sailors occupied much of the time at today's cabinet meeting, given over to the crisis growing out of Germany's submarine warfare. It was agreed that their liberty again should be demanded in most emphatic fashion. Pending complete reports as to the treatment of German crews on war-bound ships in the Philippines, Hawaii and elsewhere, however, the government will content itself with the inquiry as to why the Americans are held and under what conditions.

The cabinet discussed every phase of the international situation. The question of providing navy guns for the American ship-owners desiring to arm their vessels for defense was considered, but it was stated officially afterwards that no decision was reached. It is understood that there was a division of opinion with most of the cabinet officers strongly favoring furnishing the guns both on the grounds that permitting American ships to remain idle in port suggests acquiescence in Germany's course, and because the congestion of ocean bound freight in the country's ports is assuming serious proportions. Two or three members are said to have contended that the policy would be unwise. The president will decide the question.

News that an official statement had been issued by Berlin announcing that yesterday was the last "day of grace" allowed neutral shipping before the unrestricted submarine warfare went into full effect, did not appreciably increase tension here. There has been full realization ever since the sinking of the Anchor liner, California, that the German campaign is being carried on in defiance of the United States and that providence only is to be thanked that an overt act against American life which would precipitate war has not been committed.

There were strong indications during the day that severance of relations with Germany would be extended to the other central powers. Austria's adherence to Germany's position is regarded as practically certain to force a break with that country.

The naval appropriation bill aggregating \$369,000,000, including administration emergency amendments for commandeering of ships, yards and munitions plants, if necessary, and acquisition of basic patents of aircraft, was passed today by the house. The bill now goes to the senate.

Another communication has been sent to Germany through the Swiss minister here looking to the release of the American seamen taken to Germany on the prize ship Yarrowdale and now re-detained while Germany seeks assurances of the status of her seamen in American ports. The exact nature of the communication is not disclosed but it is believed to be a demand for the release of the Americans.

Some members of the families of the officials attached to the Austrian embassy have arranged to leave the United States with Count Von Bernstorff and his party. In some quarters these arrangements were regarded as significant in view of the indefinite state of relations with Austria-Hungary.

### WESTERN UNION INSTALLS NEW PLANT IN TUCUMCARI

F. A. Svenson and D. K. Folkner from the Plant Department of the W. U. Telegraph Co., Denver Colo. have just completed a motor generator plant located at the Light and Power plant of the Tucumcari Light and Power Co. This plant takes the places of about 1,000 cells of gravity battery that are now supplying current to the railroad telegraph offices and the Western Union uptown office. The installation of a motor generator plant here means better service for Tucumcari.

Local operators have been looking forward to the installation of the new plant for sometime, as with this plant and new equipment in the office they can give telegraph service second to none.

**FISHER-JONES**  
Mr. Leroy Fisher of Kansas, and Miss Fannie May Jones, of Nara Visa, were united in marriage in the church at the conclusion of prayer meeting Wednesday night. Those who failed to come to prayer meeting missed an opportunity to witness this event. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. E. D. Lewis, and he says "you will always miss something if you stay away from prayer meeting, SEE the point?"